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APPLICANTS: H. Saiga et al.
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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF IMAGE CODING, APPARATUS AND
METHOD OF IMAGE DECODING, AND COMPUTER-READABLE
RECORDING MEDIUM RECORDED WITH RESPECTIVE IMAGE
CODING AND DECODING PROGRAMS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to its initial review, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 21 without prejudice, and substitute therefor the following new Claims 22 to 57: